

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending. Claim 5 is currently canceled. Claim 1 is currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marsh (US 2,444,520).

Applicants have amended claim 1 such that the claimed film tension controlling member comprises a wire. March et al do not disclose using a wire as a film tensioning controlling member. For at least the above reason, Marsh does not anticipate the invention as currently claimed in claims 1-4. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection of claims 1-4 be withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (KR 10-2001-0053799, machine translation). The Examiner submits in part that: Lee disclose at least two optical films 11; a plurality of optical film fixing parts 21; a film tension controlling member attached at one of the ends thereof to each of the film fixing parts as to be capable of pulling each of said optical films under tension; a film fixing frame 8; wherein the various elements are integrated with one another; the at least two optical films are stacked with a gap between them; that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use at least 4 optical film fixing parts in the Lee device.

Applicants have also amended claim 1 to make clear that each film tension controlling member is attached to each film fixing part in such a fashion as to be pulling each optical film under tension independently.

It appears to Applicants that Lee discloses a film fixing part in the form of a cylinder or pin which is fitted through aligned holes in the plurality of optical films. In other words, the pin or cylinder goes through all of the optical films, the holes in all of the films are aligned. Thus, the plurality of optical films are pulled under tension together or in unison.

On the other hand, Applicants' invention as now claimed provides that each film has at least four film fixing parts, each film fixing part is attached to a film tension controlling member comprising a wire. This configuration is capable of pulling each of the at least two films under tension independently. Such a configuration allows for smooth films under tension where the films may have, for example, different expansion and shrinkage characteristics. For at least these reasons, Applicants believe that the invention as now claimed is allowable over Lee. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (KR 10-2001-0053800, machine translation). The Examiner submits in part that: Lee disclose at least two optical films 11; a plurality of optical film fixing parts 35; a film tension controlling member 32 attached at one of the ends thereof to each of the film fixing parts as to be capable of pulling each of said optical films under tension; a film fixing frame 8; wherein the various elements are integrated with one another; the at least two optical films are stacked with a gap between them; that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use at least 4 optical film fixing parts in the Lee device.

Lee '800 discloses a tension hinge which attaches to a rotation hinge 35. Applicants believe that the rotation hinge 35 is a cylinder or pin shaped form which connect the aligned holes in each optical sheet. As discussed above, Applicants believe that such a configuration would not allow for each of the optical sheets to be under tension independently. For at least this reason and the reasons above, Applicants believe that the invention as now claimed is allowable over Lee '800. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

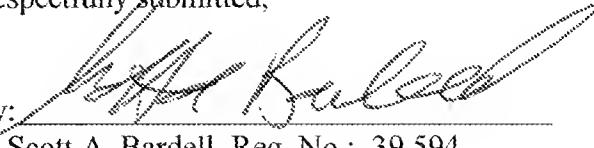
Applicant requests a telephone interview to more fully understand the examiners position and advance this case to issuance.



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